Celebration of Life

Superintendent

Willie E. Peals

August 18, 1926 | January 24, 2017

Thursday, February 2, 2017 11:00 a.m.

Eastside Church of God in Christ

3206 E. Marsh Street, Stockton, California

Superintendent Orvelester Strassner, Host Pastor

Master of Ceremony: Pastor Rickie L. Williams

Zion First Church of God in Christ - Oakland, California

Officiating: Bishop Donald R. Murray, CNC Jurisdictional Prelate

To Mr. Peals,
Thank you for all that you have done for our Party and our Nation.

Bill Clinton

Ralph Abernathy
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
2nd President

GENERAL OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

Church of God in Christ, Int'l.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT: Pastor Willie E. Peals
After having satisfactory proved His qualifications of Bishop Consistent Christian experience, gifts and usefulness in Church government work, serving faithfully in the cause of Christ, I do hereby appoint Him to the office of State Bishop empowered to execute the official duties pertaining to said office in accordance to the doctrinal principles and Constitutional Government of the Church, subject to the General Assembly of the Church of God In Christ, Int'l.

Done by the Order of said General Church Body.

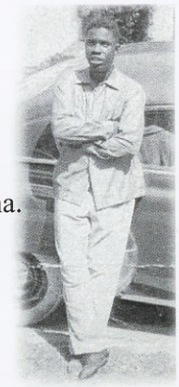
With the Seal of the Church affixed hereon, this 2nd day of December 19 91 A.D.

Bishop J. H. Davis
SENIOR BISHOP

Bishop [illegible]
GENERAL SECRETARY

C. H. Mason, Founder

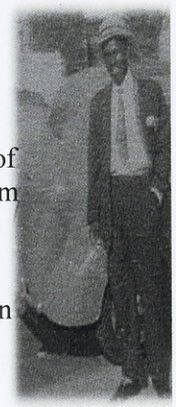
Superintendent Peals Pilgrim Journey



Superintendent Willie E. Peals was born in Longview, Texas on August18, 1926 to the proud parents of Norman Peals and Mary Helen Field who preceded him in death. His primary education was completed at Longview Colored High School where he walked 5 miles to and from school to receive his high school diploma. His grandfather, William was one of the founders of Jarvis College in Texas.

Upon graduation, ***Superintendent Willie E. Peals*** enlisted in the United States Navy defending and serving his country in World War II and the Korean conflict.

In 1949, Superintendent Willie E. Peals, then Stewart-Mate 1st Class Willie E. Peals, moved to Baton Rouge, Louisiana where he met and fell in love with Ora Lee Tinker, the love of his life.



In 1951, he married Mother Ora Lee Peals who after 59 years of marriage preceded him in death. To this union brought two children who he loved and raised as his own, Warren and Minnie Faye Tinker both who preceded him in death.

In 1951, Superintendent Willie E. Peals accepted Christ as his personal savior at Richardson Chapel Church of God in Christ under the pastor-ship of the late Bishop Charles Gordon of Louisiana, where he received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The Navy then transferred them to Boston, Massachusetts and after being discharged from the U. S. Navy in 1951 they relocated back to Oakland, California.

Superintendent Willie E. Peals worked at the Naval Air Station for 35 years becoming a Supervisor and Union Rep. retiring with a government rank of GS-16 (top of the General Schedule and is the equivalent grade of a Colonel or Captain).

Superintendent Willie E. Peals knowing the value of education returned to college attending Laney and Merritt College graduated and with an A.A. in Real Estate. He later received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Administration from the University of San Francisco with a degree in Technical Engineer. He continued his education by periodically taking extensive math courses to obtain his Real Estate license and became a Licensed Real Estate Agents for 20 years working at Century 21. He was an active member of the St. Luke's Society, member of Jubilee West, Inc. and served on the Real Estate Board.

Superintendent Willie E. Peals later moved with his family to California. They became members of Zion First COGIC, fondly known as 8th and Center, where he served as an Usher, Youth Leader, Deacon, and a special helper to Overseer Samuel W. Harrison. He was ordained and appointed Assistant Pastor under the leadership of Overseer Samuel Harrison.

Superintendent Willie E. Peals was appointed **as** Pastor of Zion First COGIC on January 25, 1977, faithfully serving for 26 years until his retirement December 2003. Pastor Peals carried on the vision of Overseer Harrison of helping the community by giving away food, clothing, and serving hot breakfast on Sunday mornings to the needy through outreach in the neighborhood. During his Pastoral Journey the Sunday School grew, souls were saved and the membership rallied behind his vision and remodeled the church. He also served as a Chaplin for the City of Oakland during his tenure as Pastor.

Superintendent Willie E. Peals civic involvement was recognized by both former President Clinton and President Obama, Ralph Abernathy and he received Certificate of Appointment as Bishop from the Church of God in Christ International signed by their Presiding Bishop J. H. Davis in 1991.

Superintendent Willie E. Peals served California North Central under all the former Jurisdictional Prelates the Bishop Isaac Finley, the Bishop German R. Ross, the Bishop Martin J. Clifton and currently the Bishop Donald R. Murray, Superintendent of the Greater Harvest District and CNC Jurisdictional Executive Board Member.

In *January, 2004* with the leading of the Lord, ***Superintendent Willie E. Peals*** proudly passed the Pastoral mantle onto Zion First COGIC current pastor, Pastor Rickie L. Williams. Superintendent Peals was well loved and a great asset to Zion First for the 26 years that he led its membership.

On Friday, January 24, 2017 being highly favored of God, ***Superintendent Willie E. Peals*** made a peaceful transition from this life.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory a loving Grandson Damon S. Ashby, of Oakland, CA, Great Grandson Damon S. LaVerne of Oakland, CA, Great Granddaughter Kimora Lee Ashby of Oakland, CA, Great Great Grandson Damon Kahlil LaVerne, of Oakland, CA, Mother Betty Rowe and Family of Oakland, CA, spiritual daughters Patricia Johnson and Doris Ashford of Stockton, CA, Barbara Flakes Davis, longtime family friend of 70 years of Sacramento, CA, Zion First COGIC Family and a host of relatives and friends.

Thursday, February 2, 2017, 11:00 a.m.

The Musical Prelude.....Ivan L. Johnson

The Master of Ceremony.....Pastor Rickie L. Williams
Zion First COGIC

"The hour of Homegoing Celebration has come
Oh Lord, hear our prayers, and accept our meditations
As we glorify Thy Name." Amen

The Processional.....Clergy and Family

The Scripture Readings: Old Testament.....Superintendent Eugene Ferrell
New Testament.....Minister Anthony Dobbins

Invocation.....Pastor Ricky L. Currington
Pearly Gates COGIC

The Song Selection.....Congregational Songs.....Evangelist Patricia Johnson

The Expressions *(2 minutes please):*
Zion First Church of God in Christ.....Mother Maude Moore, *Trustee Board*
Family and Friends

The Presentation of the CNC, Department of Women, Jurisdictional Supervisor.....Mother Pauline Williams
Assistant Supervisor, First Lady, Zion First COGIC

The Words of Encouragement .....Mother Farine Lee, *CNC Jurisdictional Supervisor*

The Song Selection .....Pastor Robert D. Collier

Ecclesiastical Expressions.....Superintendent Orvelester Strassner
CNC Chairman, Board of Superintendents

The Silent Reading: Superintendent Willie E. Peals Pilgrim Journey

The Acknowledgement of Cards and Condolence..... Sister Tangi Dobbins

The Military Salute

Family Salute:
Poem.....Willie Pearl McKnight
Tribute..... 'The Character of The Man.....Damone S. Ashby

The Resolution..... Missionary Donna Williams

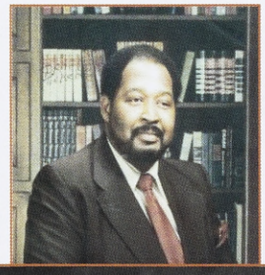
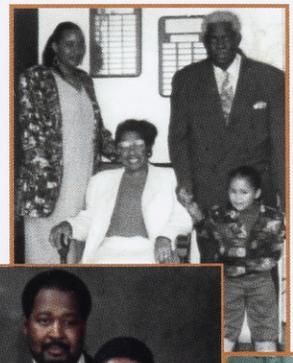
The Introduction of the CNC, Jurisdictional Prelate.....Administrative Assistant, Dr. George M. Murray

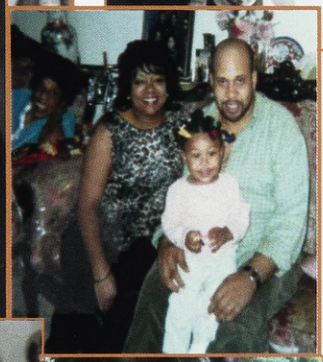
The Sermonic Hymn.....Sister Princess Martin

The Eulogy.....Bishop Donald R. Murray
Jurisdictional Prelate, California North-Central Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

The Parting View

The Recessional



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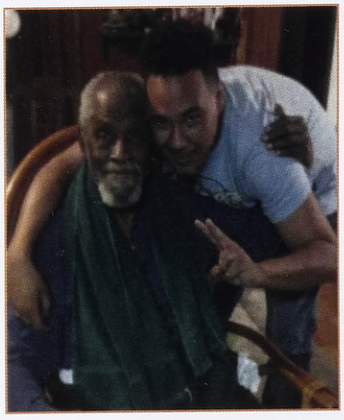

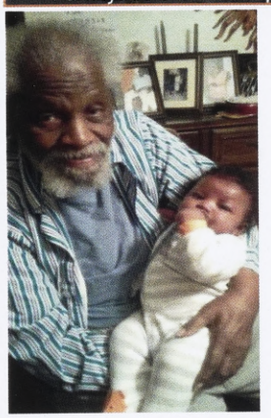

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Active Pallbearers

Damon S. LaVerne
Ivan Johnson
Warren Brown
Minister Anthony Dobbins
James Tassin Jr.
Milton Kelly

Honorary Pallbearers

Brother Damon S. Ashby
Deacon Huey Richardson
Tracy Hall
Elder Gus Dobbins
Elder Jimmie Roe
Clarence McCullough

Zion First COGIC Family
California North Central Pastors and Superintendent

Acknowledgements

On behalf of the Family, we wish to express our gratitude for all who have sent expressions of sympathy. Your cards, calls and acts of kindness are most appreciated. May God Bless each of you for your many expressions of love, comfort and prayers.

Special Thanks

Jesse E. Cooley Jr. Funeral Services, Inc.
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Stockton, CA 95202-2119
(209) 948-9750

Interment

Sacrament Valley National Cemetery
5810 Midway Road
Dixon, California 95260

We are back together again!